the State Governments to review their laws and regulation and make necessary changes to lighten the burden of Inspector Raj. Moreover, labour laws have been enacted for the safety, security and welfare of workers. Exemption to small scale units employing 50/100 workers with/without power from labour Laws will deprive most of the workers in small scale industries of the benefits/protection available under various labour laws.

Revival of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd.

2084. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to revive the sick Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing company Ltd., Ooty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Industry Secretary, who visited the company recently to assess the situation, has submitted his report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not airse in view of reply at (a) above.

(c) and (d) No report was required to be submitted.

Appointment of non-official Directors in PSUs

2085. MISS FARIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy to appoint non-official Directors in public sector undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether there is any vacancy for appointment of non-official Directors in the boards of public sector undertakings;

(c) if so, the total number thereof with the names of the companies; and

(d) the steps being taken to fill up such vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (d) As per the guidelines, the number of non-official Director on a Board should be at least one-third of its actual strength. In practice, however, non-official Directors are appointed based on each Company's special requirements.

Multinationals Wiping Beedi Sector

2086. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from a number of trade unions on the issue of multinationals wiping out the beedi sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any study on this subject;

(c) the steps proposed by Government to carefully monitor the employment in the beedi sector; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (e) An exercise of issuing identity cards to Beedi workers is undertaken regularly by the Government which indicates the trend of employment in the industry. Upto the years 1996, 1997 and 1998, identity cards have been issued to 32, 23, 863; 34, 51, 291 and 35, 74, 754 beedi workers respectively.